

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Upon entry of this Amendment, independent claim 27 will be the sole claim pending in this application. Claims 2-10, 12, 15, 17, and 19 were previously cancelled, and claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 20-26 are cancelled herein.

Claim 27 is amended to further recite altitude information in the Triggering, Fattening, and Enhancing steps. Support for those amendments may be found in the specification as filed, for example, at page 12, lines 3-6, page 12, lines 25-27, and page 16, lines 3-4. Claim 27 is further amended to recite in the Attacking step that "the sodium chloride and urea are dispersed at a 45 degree any relative to one another." Support for that amendment may also be found in the specification as filed, for example, at page 15, lines 11-17, and in Figure 5. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments to claim 27.

II. Interview Summary

Applicant's representatives Mark Sweet and Kirsten Johnson from Finnegan, along with Jittma Srithaporn and Prapan Disyatat from the Embassy of Thailand, wish to thank Examiner James Hogan and Supervisory Patent Examiner Len Tran for the courtesies extended during the personal interview on July 6, 2010. During the interview, proposed claim amendments were discussed, with Applicant's representatives first presenting claim 27 containing new altitude limitations, and next presenting claim 27 with altitude and angle limitations.

Further to this discussion, Applicant agreed to amend claim 27 to further recite the altitude limitations in addition to a requirement that "the sodium chloride and urea

are dispersed at a 45 degree relative to one another” in the Attacking step. See Interview Summary dated July 6, 2010. It was also indicated that claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 20-26 would be canceled. *Id.* Examiners Hogan and Tran considered the proposed amendment, and agreed that the proposed amendment would overcome the prior art of record. *Id.* Accordingly, the amendment set forth above adopts the proposed amendment discussed during the July 6th Personal Interview.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 11, 18, and 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dennis (*Weather Modification by Cloud Seeding*, Academic Press, 1980) (“Dennis”) in view of Kahan and Rottner et al. (*Guidelines for Cloud Seeding to Augment Precipitation*, ASCE, 1995) (“Rottner”), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,659,785 to Nelson et al. (“Nelson”), and even further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,362,271 to Montmory (“Montmory”). Supplemental Final Office Action at page 4. Claims 13, 14, and 16 are rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dennis* in view of *Rottner*, and further in view of *Nelson*, and even further in view of *Montmory*, and still even further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,568,925 to Lietzer (“Lietzer”). *Id.* at 7.

In an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant cancelled claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 20-26, and amended claim 27 to further recite altitude and chemical dispersion information as discussed above. Examiners Hogan and Tran agreed that those amendments would overcome the prior art of record. See Interview Summary dated July 6, 2010. Indeed, none of the prior art documents of record teach or suggest the particular limitations now recited in independent claim 27.

As such, these § 103(a) rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

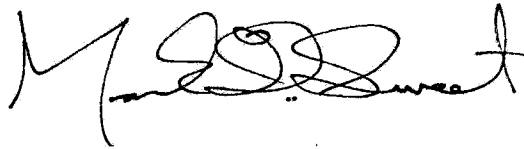
IV. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections of record are overcome by the foregoing amendments and remarks, and that claim 27 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the outstanding rejections of record, and grant the timely allowance of claim 27.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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